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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Douglas ALLARD

Serial No.: 10/053,978

Filed: January 18, 2002

For: **CHITOSAN ENHANCED  
DEWATERING BAG**

Group Art Unit: 1724

Examiner: Douglas J. Theisen

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11533.0024.NPUS00

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Examiner Theisen:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the captioned application.

Applicant submits the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

- ☒ Form PTO-1083 Transmittal;
- ☒ Response to Final Office Action dated March 4, 2004;
- ☒ Amended Drawings;
- ☒ Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard; and

☒ Our checks to cover:

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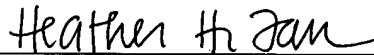
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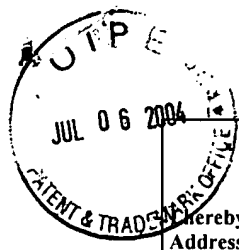
The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. **08-3038** referencing docket number **11533.0024.NPUS00**. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.08-3038 referencing docket number **11533.0024.NPUS00**.

Respectfully submitted,

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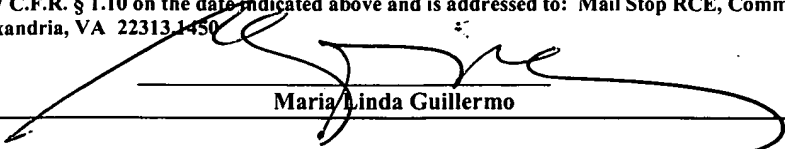


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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 4, 2004**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Response to the Final Office Action dated March 4, 2004, setting an initial due date of June 4, 2004. A Petition, with the requisite fee under 37 CFR §1.17(c), extending the due date by one month to July 4, 2004 accompanies this Response. Because July 4, 2004 is a Sunday and July 5, 2004 is a Federal holiday, the one-month extension effectively covers the next business day July 6, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application and allowance of the claims in view of Applicant's amendments and remarks made herein.

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